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In Case
March 18th 61.

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My dear Granddaughter

Your letter of yesterday
was really interesting, giving account of
all you had been doing, & the pleasant visits,
and delicious dinners, you attended. I would
like to see you & Mr. & Mrs. Hughes &
Husband together. I feared the match would
not have been a happy one - you must
miss Miss Lane very much, as you say she
is a sweet person. I saw by the papers, some
days back that she was married just at the
close of the Mexican Administration, to the
Larrea family you dined with, but I think
with you, there is some truth in it. The Mr.
Hames you speak of I knew many years ago,
he married his cousin Mary Heller, I do
not know if he married again, let me
know, if she is alive, if so remember me
to her. I am ever your affectionate Grandfather

Lesser trees - & quantity of groceries
when I broke of housekeeping - You will
be mortally yourself in the way of driving.
I am pleased to see, your father has sent in
his resignation, I hope the clock by that,
has arrived, so if it has, send all the things
out it as soon as possible - you will soon
be pleased to see Calhoun - I was much
startled at first, as I had no idea of his
returning home soon, and feared his mother
& himself had quarrelled - I am sorry he
has gone home, as I well know, things
will not go so quietly as they have been
heretofore - Had I known Calhoun, was
coming would certainly have sent you
some receipts, but they were not
ready - Tell him he must write me and
be able to say what a good, and obedient
son he is since his return home - I
hope his money held out, I was anxious
he should take thirty dollars, but he
persisted in not taking more than twenty

six dollars, and would not take any pro-
-visions, but put a few pie-cakes in
his basket. I sent you another 2 bottles
of blackberry wine & do I give - 1 bottle
of plum juice of the grape. I hope Ballou
did not drink all before he arrived. I
also sent you another & fly must be
only one I could find, as no one makes
them now handsome. The Mr. Wicks have
not yet arrived, but I understand Linn
will be here soon. I asked Mr. Wicks
for his address, I had promised to send it,
as yet he has not done so. The series are
going to be received. Thank you for the directions
I am on the best course. I prize your photo-
-graph, it is so much like you, but I cannot
promise one of mine to any one. I look so
faded when in that way. The extreme cold
weather and ice has destroyed all our peaches.
My garden is very forward. I'll give
you another I have had our daisies removed
from the flower bed & have planted to our

church yard. I have a place exclusively
for his monument, I have written Mr. Simons
to send the different models, and with an in-
sistence of coals, so that I can select one to suit myself.
The coffin was placed in a thick pine box, when
it was first buried, and when it was taken out
of that box to be put in the one I sent, the coffin
was perfect - The handles every where as bright
as when first made - This was a comfort to me -
I could not bear to have him so far from me, and
again Henry, said he would not trouble himself
about the matter, so it would have remained forever
as it was, and now, officers, when they come on
find all things as they ought to be - All friends
sent love - Mr. Pike joins me in love to you Mother &
Self - Love to you Aunt Burt & Katy if she is with you -
Respects to you father & Mother -

Your devoted friend -

Florida Ballou